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**PREPARING A MEDICAL FLUID** )

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**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT**

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 dated October 17, 2001, for the above application. It has customarily been the practice of the PCT branch to acknowledge the priority document when submitted by the applicant or the International Bureau (IB) to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). However, the items listed on the Notice of Acceptance as having been received by the USPTO do not include the Priority Document.

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